

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1.-11. (Canceled)

12. (Original) A method of delivering a drug through a membrane junction or a cell membrane comprising:

delivering a permeabilizing reagent to a membrane junction or a cell membrane in a concentration sufficient to increase the permeability of the membrane junction or cell membrane; and

delivering a drug to the membrane junction or cell membrane, whereby the drug travels through the membrane junction or cell membrane.

13. (Original) The method of Claim 12, wherein the permeabilizing reagent is delivered by a stent and/or a catheter.

14. (Original) The method of Claim 12, wherein the drug is delivered by a stent and/or a catheter.

15. (Original) The method of Claim 12, wherein the permeabilizing reagent is a solution including a solute selected from the group consisting of glucose, mannose, maltose, dextrose, fructose, sodium chloride, sodium citrate, sodium phosphate, polyethylene glycol, polyvinyl pyrrolidone and amino acids.

16. (Original) The method of Claim 12, wherein the permeabilizing reagent is selected from the group consisting of iminodiacetic acid, nitriloacetic acid, ethylenediaminomonoacetic acid, ethylenediaminodiacetic acid, ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid, sodium taurodihydrofusidate, sodium salicylate, sodium caprate, sodium glycocholate, cholylsarcosine, isopropyl myristate, partially hydrolyzed triglycerides, fatty-acid sugar derivatives, oleic acid derivatives, histamine, bradykinin and its conformational analogs, tumor

necrosis factor alpha, nitroglycerine, sodium nitroprusside, diethylamine sodium, 3-morpholinonydnonimine, S-nitroso-N-acetyl-penicillamine, and vascular endothelial growth factor and combinations thereof.

17. (Canceled)

18. (Canceled)

19. (Original) A method of local drug delivery, comprising:

locally applying a permeabilizing reagent to a selected area of a body tissue, and

locally applying a drug to the body tissue.

20. (Original) The method of Claim 19, wherein the permeabilizing reagent is applied before or concomitantly with the drug.

21. (Original) The method of Claim 19, wherein the local application of the permeabilizing reagent and the drug is via a stent.